



# SAM Release Notes

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## Change Log

Version #	Date of Change	Section	Description of Change	Changed By
1	08/23/2016	All	Initial draft	IBM
2	08/31/2016	Overview, Release Notes	Incorporated GSA changes	IBM
3	09/09/2016	All	Final Version	IBM

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## Overview

With each software release, we work to improve the System for Award Management (SAM) user experience, improve the quality of information available from SAM, and reduce the burden for those wishing to do business with the U.S. Federal government. We do this through a combination of minor enhancements and fixing known issues. This document summarizes the customer-facing changes that were made to the SAM application and database in the development window culminating in the Fast Path build to production on October 10, 2016 for the Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) Service Contract Reporting (SCR) cycle.

## Release Notes

Description	Reference IDs
<b>Enhancements</b>	
Revised page description text across all SCR-related pages, updated field labels to match FPDS data field labels, and added on-screen instructional text to more clearly explain the reporting process and improve usability.	23417
Updated the SCR threshold for fixed price contracts with a base date signed between 10/01/2015 - 09/30/2016 from \$1,000,000 to \$500,000. FY16 fixed price service contracts with a "Total Base and All Options Value" of \$500,000 or greater are available for service contract reporting in SAM.	27707
Generated a government-wide Service Contract Inventory for all service-contracts greater than \$150,000, including the SCR information reported in SAM, to be posted on USASpending.gov once the reporting period is closed reducing burden on U.S. government agencies and increasing data transparency.	28233
Added the date a Service Contract Report was submitted in SAM to the Select Service Contract Report page so users can see when an entity's report was last submitted improving usability.	28389
<b>Service Contract Reporting</b>	
Updated the Total Amount Invoiced, Prime Contractor Hours Expended, Prime Contractor FTEs, and Total FTEs fields to display in non-scientific notation and to only display two decimal places reducing user confusion.	20188



Added clear text indicating whether or not an entity has covered service contracts which meet the FAR 4.1703 reporting thresholds. This allows users, especially government users, to identify whether the entity has met reporting requirements.	21226
Updated SCR-related error messages to match updated field labels. Updated the subcontractor-related error messages to ensure that correct business validation is in place and corrective instructions are clear. Both changes increase will usability and reduce confusion during the reporting cycle.	23419
Updated the database and application logic to store and display data up to two decimal places for the Total Dollars Obligation/Total Contract Value and Total Base and All Options fields increasing consistency in data display.	23420
Updated the file name and description for the bi-weekly Interim Service Contract Report on the Data Access page to provide U.S. government users with additional context during the reporting cycle.	23691